## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following paragraph:

[0010] Figure 2 shows the amino acid sequence of the wild-type pyruvate carboxylase (SEQ ID NO:19), isolated from *Corynebacterium glutamicum* ATCC 21253. The specific changes corresponding to the amino acid sequence of the feedback-resistant pyruvate carboxylase (SEQ ID NO:2), isolated from *Deposit Number Corynebacterium glutamicum* NRRL B-11474, are indicated.